



2014-2015 CWD SEASON DEER PERMIT HUNTING INFORMATION

Resident and Nonresident hunters must have a current, valid Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Deer Permit, or an unfilled deer permit valid for the previous firearm, muzzleloader or youth deer season and valid for one of the open counties (Boone, DeKalb, Grundy, JoDaviess, Kane (west of St. Rt. 47), Kendall, LaSalle, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson or Winnebago). A CWD Deer Season Permit is issued for one county and is valid only in the county stated on the permit. Unfilled firearm, muzzleloader or youth deer permits are valid only for the county for which they were originally issued, except that unfilled landowner property-only hunting deer permits are valid only for the farmlands that the person to whom it was issued owns, leases, or rents within the open counties.

Unfilled firearm, muzzleloader, or youth deer permits that were originally issued for special hunt areas are not valid during the CWD Deer Season unless: A) the hunter's name is redrawn at the daily site lottery to hunt at the same special hunt area during the CWD Season, or, B) the special hunt area is open to persons with a county permit and the special hunt area does not conduct a daily site lottery. Sites conducting a daily site lottery will be announced publicly.

Your CWD Season Deer Permit entitles you to participate in the privilege of deer hunting. Please review this information to assure that you comply with all deer hunting regulations. While hunting please respect the rules of good sportsmanship and the property of others. Have a safe and successful hunt.

2014 - 2015 CWD Deer Hunting Regulations

Season:

January 1 - 4, 2013 & January 16 - 18, 2015.

Hunting Hours:

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Persons hunting deer must have gun unloaded during hours when deer hunting is unlawful. Removal of percussion cap or removal of prime powder from frizzen pan with frizzen open and hammer all the way down or removal of prime powder from flashpan and wheel unwound or removal of prime powder and match with match not lit or removal of the battery from the CVA electronic ignition muzzleloader, shall constitute an unloaded muzzleloading firearm.

Permit:

CWD Season Deer Permits are available over-the-counter from participating license vendors beginning December 16. These permits are antlerless-only. Before hunting, you must affix your signature on your permit. Your deer permit shall be carried on your person while hunting.

Hunting Area:

The specific county for which the permit is issued. Permission to hunt on private property must be obtained from the property owner or tenant.

Bag Limit:

The bag limit is one deer per legally authorized either-sex or antlerless-only permit. Deer taken during the CWD Season are not subject to the antlered deer bag limit restriction.

Persons using unfilled permits from the previous firearm or muzzleloader deer season may only take deer appropriate for that permit type (either-sex or antlerless-only).

An either-sex permit holder is allowed to take a deer with or without antlers, and an antlerless-only permit holder is allowed to take only a deer without antlers or a deer having antlers less than 3 inches long.

Clothing:

Any person attempting to take or taking a deer during the CWD Season shall wear, when in the field, a cap and upper outer garment of solid blaze orange color, displaying a minimum of 400 square inches of blaze orange material.

Legal Firearms:

You may use either a shotgun, muzzleloading rifle or handgun with a valid CWD season permit. Hunters with valid, unused permits from the 2014 firearm or muzzleloader seasons may use only the weapons allowed by that permit in those respective seasons. Youth Hunters using unfilled youth deer permits may only use shotguns or muzzleloaders.

Shotguns must be not larger than 10 nor smaller than 20 gauge (a rifled barrel is legal), not capable of firing more than three consecutive slugs (buckshot or birdshot is illegal). Minimum barrel length is 18 inches.

A muzzleloading firearm is defined as a firearm that is incapable of being loaded from the breech end. Legal muzzleloaders are limited to single or double barreled muzzleloading rifles of at least .45 caliber shooting a single projectile through a barrel of at least sixteen inches in length; and must be percussion cap, wheellock, matchlock, or flint type ignitions only, except the Connecticut Valley Arms (CVA) electronic ignition shall be legal to use. Only black powder or a "black powder substitute" such as Pyrodex may be used. Modern smokeless powders (nitrocellulose-based) are an approved black powder substitute only in muzzleloading firearms that are specifically designed for their use.

The only legal handguns are centerfire revolvers or centerfire single shot handguns of .30 caliber or larger with a minimum barrel length of 4 inches. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take white-tailed deer by the use of semi-automatic handguns, muzzleloading handguns, or handguns altered to allow for shoulder firing.

The only legal ammunition for a centerfire handgun is (1) a bottleneck centerfire cartridge of .30 caliber or larger with a case length not exceeding 1.4 inches, or (2) a straight-walled centerfire cartridge of .30 caliber or larger; both of which must be available with the published ballistic tables of the manufacturer showing a capability of at least 500 foot pounds of energy at the muzzle.

Non-expanding, military-style full metal jacket bullets cannot be used to harvest white-tailed deer; only soft point or expanding bullets (including copper/copper alloy rounds designed for hunting) are legal ammunition.

ATTENTION HUNTERS: DEER CHECK IN SYSTEM

ONLINE AT: www.il.wildlifelicense.com/harvestReport/harvestReport.php, or CALL TOLL FREE 1-866-IL-CHECK

Attention Cell Phone Users: The most common reason hunters are unable to complete their harvest reporting is because of a poor cell phone connection. Once you have properly tagged your deer, you have until 10 p.m. on the day of harvest to report. Wait until you are out of the woods and receive a clear, strong cell phone connection before placing your call. Successful deer hunters must report their harvest using our automated check-in system.

You may choose to report harvest on-line at www.il.wildlifelicense.com/harvestReport/harvestReport.php, or by telephone (toll-free) at **1-866-452-4325 (1-866-IL-CHECK)**. For your convenience, this number is also printed on the front of your deer permit. Immediately upon kill and before the deer is moved, transported or field dressed the hunter must attach the harvest tag to the deer as described on the permit. Hunters must check in their harvest by 10 p.m. on the day of kill. The deer must remain whole (or field dressed) until it has been checked in. When checking in the deer, hunters will be asked to provide a variety of information to assist biologists in managing Illinois' deer population. Please look over the questions listed on the back of your permit prior to making the call, and be prepared to answer them when asked. After providing all of the information, hunters will be given a 10-character confirmation number to verify that they checked in their harvest. The confirmation number must be written onto the leg tag in the appropriate boxes, so please have a pencil or pen handy when making the call (an extra fine tipped permanent marker works best). If the condition of the tag precludes writing on the tag in the appropriate space (i.e., bloody, etc.), the confirmation number shall be written elsewhere on the tag, or onto a piece of paper and attached to the deer along with the temporary harvest tag. The leg tag and confirmation number must remain attached to the deer until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer, the deer has been checked in, and final processing is completed.

In instances where deer are checked in while the hunter is still afield, the deer may not be dismembered while afield beyond quartering the animal. If quartered, all parts of the carcass (except the entrails removed during field dressing) must be transported together and evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the carcass. Evidence of sex is:

- A) for a buck: head with antlers attached to carcass, or attached testicle, scrotum, or penis,
- B) for a doe: head attached to carcass, or attached udder (mammary) or vulva.

If the head/antlers are delivered to a taxidermist for processing, the confirmation number must be recorded on the "head tag" portion of the permit and both must remain with the deer while at the taxidermist's. If the carcass is taken to a meat processor, the temporary harvest tag (leg tag) with confirmation number must remain with the deer while it is processed, and until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer. Persons delivering deer/parts of deer to a tanner for processing must supply the tanner with either their deer permit number, their confirmation number, or written certification by the person from whom the deer was received that the specimen was legally taken or obtained.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) primary purpose of registering deer harvest is to gather biological information necessary for proper management.

- Hunters shall not have in their possession, while in the field during deer season, any deer permit issued to another person.
- No person hunting deer during the CWD season may have in his possession any firearm not authorized by administrative rule for taking deer.
- It is unlawful to drive deer, or participate in a deer drive, on all Department owned or managed properties. A deer drive is defined as a deliberate action by one or more persons (whether armed or unarmed) whose intent is to cause deer to move within firearm range of one or more participating hunters.
- Totally white white-tailed deer are protected by Illinois Law and are illegal to kill.
- It is unlawful to take or attempt to take deer:
 - a) In excess of the legal limit
 - b) During closed season
 - c) By use of dogs*, horses, automobiles, aircraft, boats or other vehicles.

**This does not prohibit the use of a leashed dog to track wounded deer.*

LICENSE:

In addition to your deer permit, you must have a valid Illinois Hunting, Sportsman's or Apprentice License unless you are:

- A person who is disabled and able to show proof of disability in the form of one of the following:
 - a) A State disabled person I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the drivers license examining station) showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability.
 - b) Veterans disability card (at least 10% service related); available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs offices.
- An Illinois resident on active duty and on leave from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- A landowner or tenant residing on farm lands, or the children, parents, brothers and sisters permanently residing on such lands, and hunting only the lands resided on.

**ILLINOIS LAW REQUIRES NON-RESIDENTS TO HAVE A
NON-RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE IN ADDITION TO A PERMIT
AND HABITAT STAMP.**

HABITAT STAMP:

Before any person 16 years of age or older takes, attempts to take, or pursues any species of wildlife protected by the Wildlife Code, except migratory waterfowl, coots, and hand-reared birds on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas and state controlled pheasant hunting areas, he or she shall first obtain a State Habitat Stamp. Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war shall not be required to obtain State Habitat Stamps. Any person who obtained a Lifetime License before January 1, 1993, shall not be required to obtain a State Habitat Stamp.

Violations of the provisions of Title 17, Chapter 1, Subchapter b, Part 680 of the Illinois Administrative Code, or Chapter 520, Illinois Compiled Statutes, in addition to other penalties, may result in deer hunting privileges being revoked.

FIREARM OWNERS' I.D. CARD (Issued by Illinois State Police)

Regardless of who owns the gun, anyone who has a firearm or firearm ammunition in their possession must have in their possession a valid Firearm Owners' I.D. (F.O.I.D.) Card unless he or she is:

- a) A licensed out-of-state sportsman hunting in Illinois,
- b) Under the age of 21 and under the immediate control of a parent, guardian, or responsible adult who has in their possession a valid F.O.I.D. Card.

This information is only a guide to the highlights of the rules and regulations governing deer hunting. For further information, contact:

Springfield, Permit Office (217) 782-7305

Wildlife Resources (217) 782-6384

Hunter Safety Education Classes 1-800-832-2599

Law Enforcement (217) 782-6431

Target Illinois Poachers (877) 236-7529

DNR TTY: 217-782-9175



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